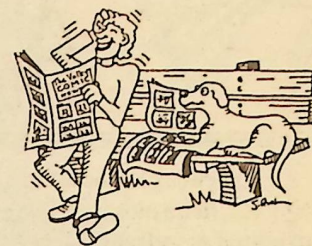


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**THE STUDENTS ARE GONE, AND WE'RE STILL HERE! THE
VALLEY COMIC NEWS PAYS TRIBUTE TO THOSE BRAVE
SOULS THAT ACTUALLY LIVE IN THE VALLEY!!**

INSIDE:

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A MODEST PROPOSAL

by Izzy Gesell

Something has been bugging me since just before last Labor Day. It's not a big thing but, like a mosquito bite on an unreachable area, it won't let me rest. Speaking for myself as well as other full-time residents of the Pioneer Valley, I'm annoyed by those WELCOME BACK STUDENTS signs that pop into store windows around mid-August. Now, don't get me wrong. I don't blame the storekeepers for welcoming the students back although I do chuckle at the fact that the flip side of the welcome sign reads NO STUDENT CHECKS ACCEPTED after May 1st. It's just that I too would like to be welcomed into my hometown shops in a coordinated, business association kind of way.

As a former Northampton business owner I know the students represent a good chunk of the yearly gross for many businesses. As a resident I recognize the large part students play in maintaining the vibrancy of the area through fostering cultural events in the region, promoting diversity, and attracting a plethora of yogurt and copy shops. No, I don't want to stop welcoming the students.

I do want acknowledgment of the worth of the "yearounder," defined as a person who lives in the area 12 months a year. Toward that end I am announcing the formation of a new political force in the Pioneer Valley - The Yearounder Party.

The planks of our platform are as solid and practical as the decks on our houses. We stand for the following:

- Free checking with no minimum balance throughout the year for everyone.

- THANKS FOR NOT LEAVING signs in stores from June through Labor Day.

- A yearly block party on Main Street thrown by the DBA (or Chamber) to thank the "yearounders."

- Two parking spots in front of Thornes permanently reserved for "yearounders." These would be allocated by lottery held at the block party and be good for one year.

- One day a year when shops would be open only to "yearounders." This could be arranged during intersession or some other slow period. A student or other transient who needed to buy something would be forced to ask a "yearounder" for help. This would foster new friendships and understanding as people who ordinarily never speak to each other would see that each is essentially the same kind of human being.

- When school is in session, stores must save the last item in any category for a "yearounder."

- Bus tours of residential neighborhoods so students could see there actually are "yearounders" who do not live downtown or work at one of the 5 colleges.

- Since "yearounders" pay more than students to attend events on campus, students should pay more to do things in town. Surcharges on activities such as movies and concerts would go into a fund to pay for "yearounder" parking tickets.

- Northampton is known nationwide as the "home of the hostile pedestrian." Jaywalkers should be arrested and forced to go to jaywalking school. Repeat offenders would have their shoes impounded. People who jaywalk in groups should be made to stay indoors for 1 week.

Although this platform may seem to be the beginning of a political campaign, I am not running for public office. I am just trying to make a slight adjustment to the way things are done around here. Of course, if the vox populi left a message on the office answering machine...well, I always return my calls.

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We, the residents of the Valley, live in a most unusual place. Yesterday I saw a flyer for what I think is the epitome of Valley Activity. The notice was for a combination Rock Climbing/Dance Improvisation experience. One would supposedly go climb up the face of K2 then come back for a rousing session of Martha Graham-ness, mixing the disciplines in what can only be a perfect harmonic conversion. Only in the Valley.

During the months from September through May the Valley is a rousing den of youthful exuberance. During the summer it is quiet, peaceful and hot. The character changes radically. Bars that are normally raucous and loud suddenly turn into warm and friendly drinking establishments. Parking becomes less a matter of gamesmanship and more a matter of simply finding a place to put your car. The lines at the Super Stop & Shop are instantly manageable and you are no longer subjected to *traffic* trying to get a loaf of bread. It is something like Martha's Vineyard, only in reverse.

The Valley Comic News would like to pay tribute to those brave souls who actually *live* in the Valley and so we give you this special issue, *THANKS FOR NOT LEAVING*. What we have tried to do is look into the community and find those things that give it that special feel during the summer months. Here you will find out what people think of the Valley in summer. Here you will learn things that you may not have known about the town you live in. And here you will find everything else that makes the Valley Comic News the most *apt* news source in the nation.

This idea first came to us at VCN when Izzy Gesell came to us with an article he had written called *A Modest Proposal*. That article is printed to your left (page two). We also include an expanded Amateur Night feature, showcasing the artistic talent that exists in the area. I have featured two cartoonists that stuck my fancy; Roger & Salem Salloom and Gene Kane. Also, there's a quiz, and a contest for you literary types. Who could ask for anything more? I hope that this will become an annual event in the Valley. Maybe there will be a block party and the other things that Izzy talks about.

Special thanks to Daniel Lombardo of Jones Library for historical pictures and information. Interviews were conducted by Izzy Gesell, Lee Anne Novick, and me, I mean (editorially), us. Photos by Izzy & Phil Inc.

So enjoy that which makes the Valley a nice place to live, but would you want to visit? Kiss a resident today.

Phil Kilbourne

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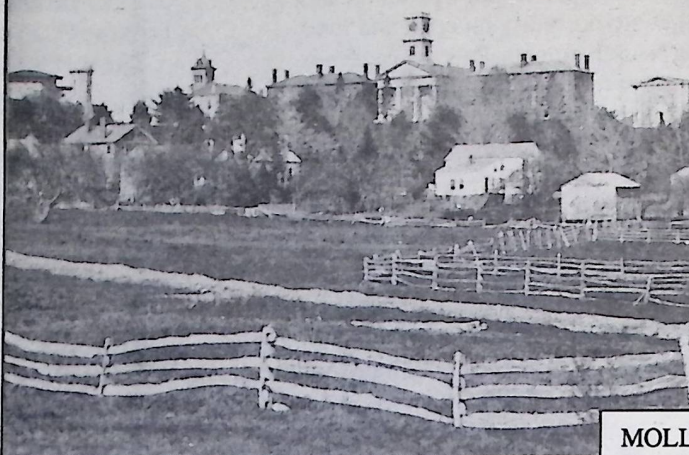
PEOPLE ON OR NEAR THE STREET: "WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STAYING IN THE VALLEY FOR THE SUMMER?"



DANIEL LOMBARDO
CURATOR OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, JONES LIBRARY,
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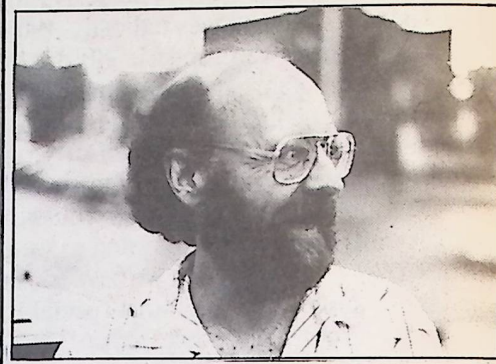
I grew up in the center of Connecticut where I had to drive for hours to get to natural places where trails weren't marked by beer cans. Nearly a dozen years ago I chose this Valley as the place to make my life, summer and winter. Summer wildflowers and mountain trails surround my house in Westhampton. In five minutes I can be canoing on a nearby lake. This is why the Valley where I live is where I get away to in the summer — although if anyone needs me I'll be on Cape Cod for the rest of June and in Tuscany in July.

ANDY PIERCE
STUDENT HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
WILLIAMSBURG
There's not as many people. There's less traffic, the buses are less crowded and the streets aren't as filled and it's just easier.



MIKE CHRISMAN
HUMAN SERVICE WORKER/ENTERTAINER,
HEATH

I just love it every summer in Northampton when they tear up the streets and roads. I mean it's like "Northampton, home of Third World contractors. Bringing that little touch of Bangladesh to your downtown."



MOLLY SNYDER
TEACHER, NORTHAMPTON
My friends from the city will come to visit me.

CHRISTOPHER BOYER

MANAGING DIRECTOR, MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE SUMMER THEATRE

The Valley in the summer is a wonderful place, primarily because it's a relaxed atmosphere, and there are a lot of things to do here during the summer. For example, funny you should ask, the Summer Theatre, where we do seven shows for grown-ups, and three shows for children. There's also a nice art museum on campus. Music Chorda, the Village Commons has music every Thursday evening. There are woods and streams and little furry animals. This is one of the few places to see students in captivity during the summer, unless you wander onto the campus of UMass, which I wouldn't recommend without your shots.

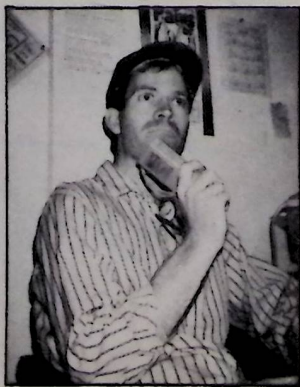


GEOFF PAYSON
RADIO PERSONALITY, AMHERST
The air is fresh, there is less traffic, you can swim in a pond.

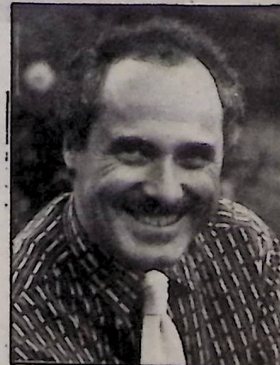


SAM RUSH
MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEW CENTURY
THEATRE

You can attend the debut production Jack Neary's Jerry Finnigan's Sister, which is the New Century Theatre's first production, at Smith College, at the air-conditioned Halley Flannagan Theatre. Did I mention it was air-conditioned? It's air-conditioned. It won't be too cold, it will be just right, as they say in the Three Bears. Tickets on sale July 1st. Did I say it was air-conditioned?



DAVID RUSSELL
PSYCHO-REAL ESTATE ANALYST,
NORTHAMPTON
I like the usual things about the Valley: less traffic and it's easier to get around. What I really like about it is that the local and visiting transvestites wear much more colorful and interesting clothing.



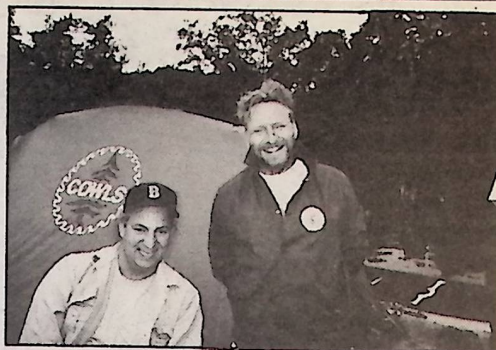
JOHN MORRISON
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NORTHAMPTON
Twentyfive years ago I was a flatlander from Eastern Massachusetts. I didn't know what I was missing. You stick around and

see those mountains that surround us in beautiful shades of green surrounded in the mornings by a mist that exceeds any Chinese landscape painting. Autumn leaves mean death. I prefer the life season.

**LEO T.(& CRUMPETTS)
BALDWIN**

COMEDIAN, AMHERST

I like it in the Valley when the heat just descends, so intense it puts everything into such a sharp focus when that nice humid blanket of warm air hangs in the Valley. It makes everything funnier. That's what I like about the Valley.



BUDDY RUBBISH

DJ FOR WRNX / ENIGMA,
AMHERST

What I like about the Valley in the summer is the fact that Puffer's Pond is still being used, and that we may be able to save it for swimmers this year, and that I can sit out here for a week on a raft, and have one week of fun and music. In fact nothing but fun and music, and I God bless you for it!

JOAN KANE

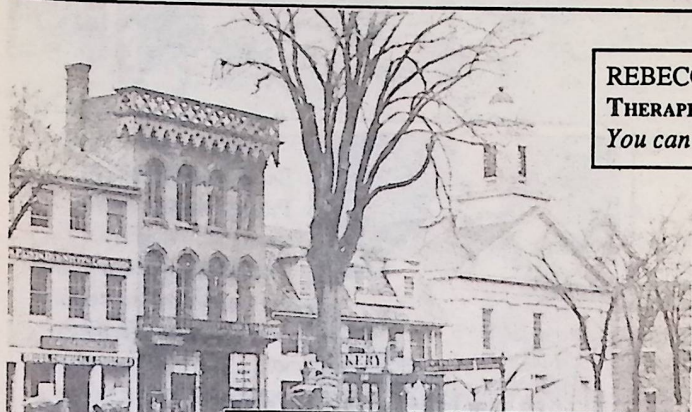
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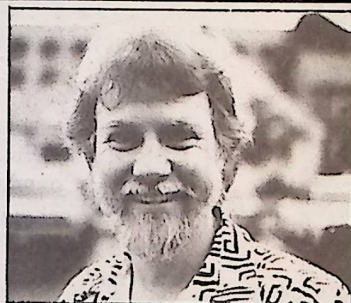
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CHRIS O'CARROLL

POLITICAL COMEDIAN, PELHAM

The 2 best things about summer in the Valley are being able to find a parking space in Amherst and actually being able to see the air that you breathe.



JANE TINGLE BRODERICK

ARTIST, SHUTESBURY

There is always the availability of some kind of coolness. Being in touch with the coolness, being close to nature. Living here I can be in touch with what's great about the world.

BOB LAMITIE

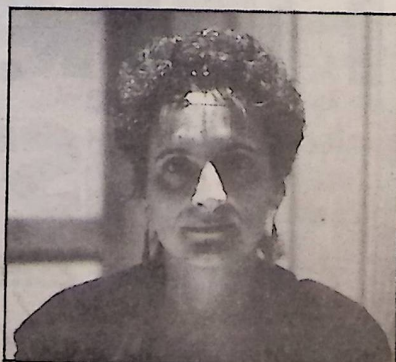
NAUTILUS INSTRUCTOR, NORTHAMPTON

I like the high school kids hanging around Grampys at night because there's this real sense of camaraderie. The ones in front of Grampys are yelling at the ones in front of Store 24. It really gives a sense of community that you don't find in the winter because the Smithies just don't have that rivalry.

NANCY GIRARD

COMEDIAN, NORTHAMPTON

I don't lose as much rubber on my tires because I don't have to come to a screeching halt every time I drive down Elm Street watching out for those babes crossing with other things on their minds.



DICK FISH

PHOTOGRAPHER, NORTHAMPTON

The first part of the summer it's nice not to have the students here. By July I miss them, so the second part of the summer is spent waiting for the students to return. Of course I never miss the faculty.



PETER AVERILL

AUDIO VISUAL SUPERVISOR, MT. HOLYOKE COLLEGE

Wait a minute, I have something in my eye. Well, it's hot and there's no place to swim. That's really nice. Where I live you can't have air-conditioning, and it's really hot. That's great. You can go to the Mall and get good deals on athletic shoes. Summer Sales, that's a good thing. Oh, and the students are gone. I still have something in my eye.



CHARLES BASHAW

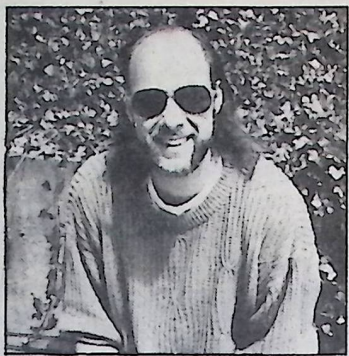
COPIER CLERK, PARADISE
COPIES, NORTHAMPTON

It's empty. It's quiet. I like it. A typical summer evening is after we get the kids in bed, my wife and I pray, in grateful thanks that they're asleep. Then we're tied to the house till they wake up. Same as the winter.



TOM WILLITS

ENTREPRENEUR/AUTHOR, NORTHAMPTON
(My kids softball team) lost 20-18 in extra
innings, which was a real heartbreaking
loss. Yes, I think that there is a real good
organized summer activities schedule in
this area. What's great about UMass in
the summer is that they have a lot of
summer programs that are a month long,
six weeks long, educationally fun. There's
tremendous opportunities for kids.



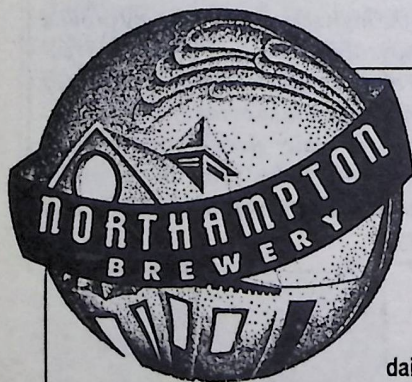
DOUG CUTCHINS
PROJECTIONIST, AM-
HERST

*I'm working down at the
movie theatre, so it calms
down a little bit. This is
when the real people of
the Pioneer Valley come
home to roost*

CAROL ROGERS

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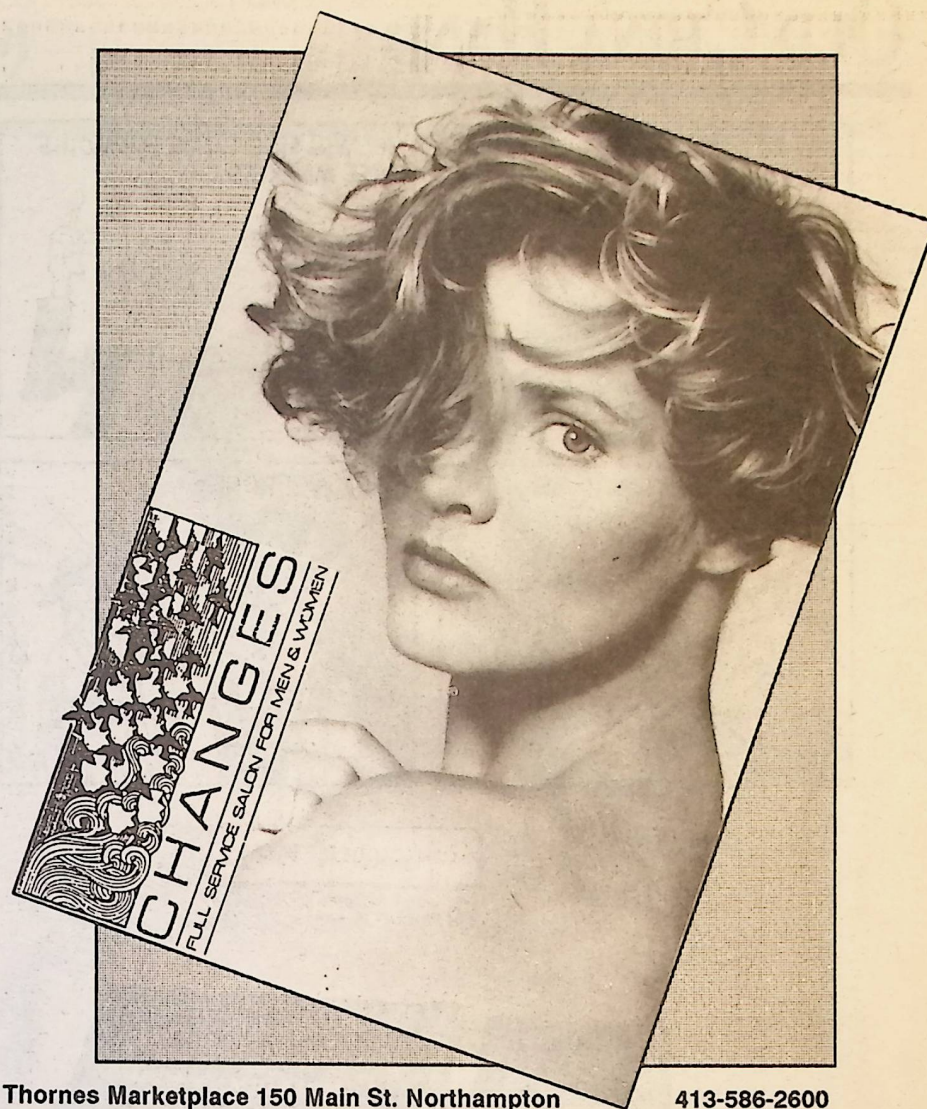
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C: Musante
- 2.) Hadley is the Indian word for:
A: Wide Open Fields.
B: Route 9.
C: No Bike Path.
- 3.) Amherst town government is run by:
A: A Board of Selectmen.
B: Town Meeting.
C: Chance.
- 4.) In Northampton, the pedestrians have:
A: the right of way.
B: five minutes to cross the street.
C: a death wish.
- 5.) The dirtiest word in Western Massachusetts politics is:
A: Furlough.
B: Taxes.
C: Dukakis.
- 6.) Hampshire College graduates are known for their:
A: Entrepreneurial spirit.
B: Unorthodox thinking.
C: Please, this joke is too easy!
- 7.) The most beloved historical figure of the Valley is:
A: Emily Dickinson.
B: Calvin Coolidge.
C: The Sun Tan Man.
- 8.) In Pulaski Park, you are most likely to be struck by:
A: it's beauty.
B: the aroma.
C: a hackey sack.
- 9.) Northampton town government is primarily funded by:
A: taxes.
B: parking tickets.
C: the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.
- 10.) The best place to meet new people is:
A: Pearl Street.
B: Jones Library.
C: Coolidge Bridge at 5:00 pm.
- 11.) The Village Commons in South Hadley owes it's existence to:
A: community support.
B: funding from Mt. Holyoke College.
C: arson.
- 12.) Residents of the Valley most often give blood to:
A: the Red Cross.
B: Internal Revenue.
C: Mosquitos.



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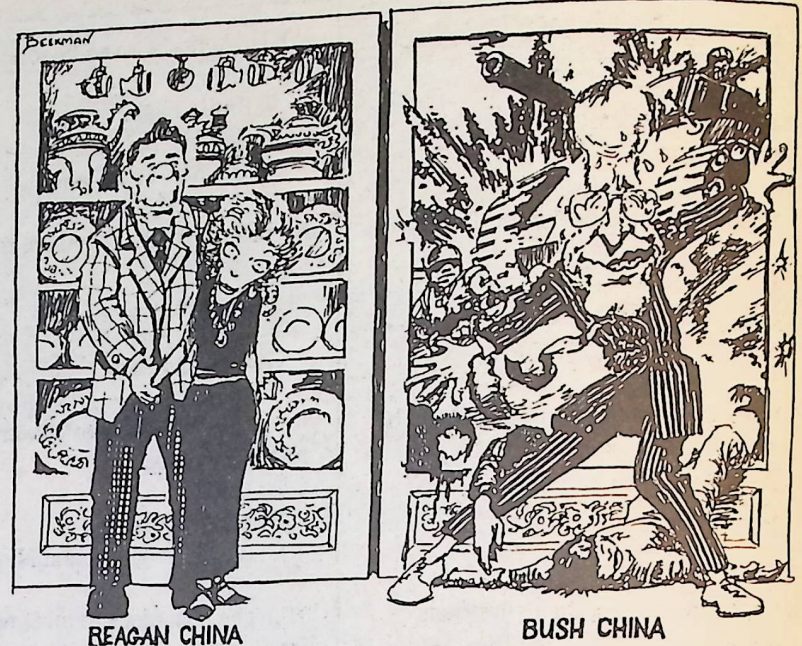
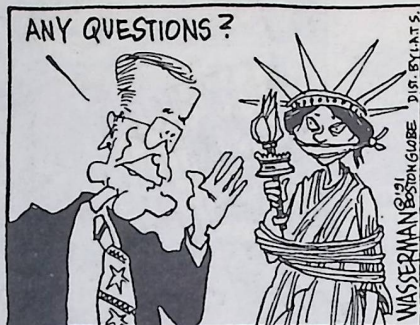
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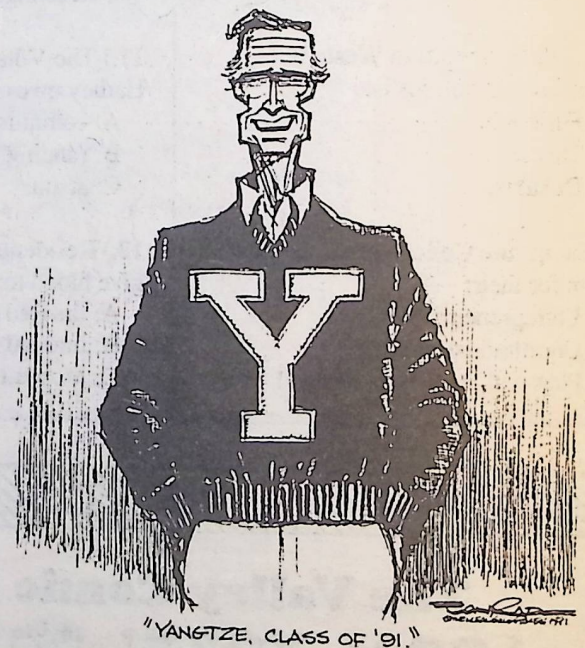
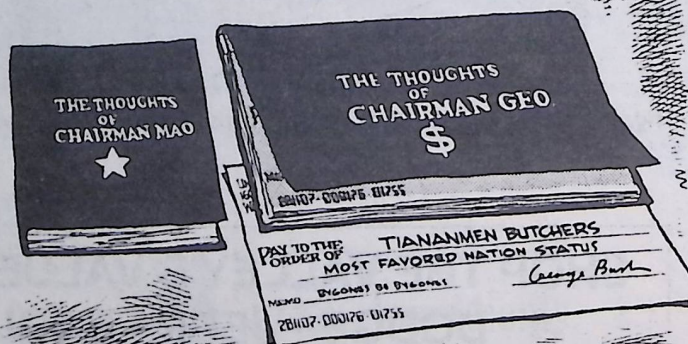
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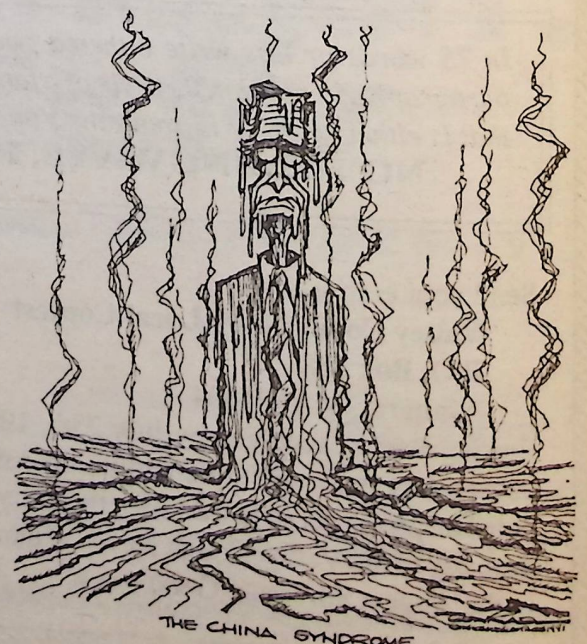
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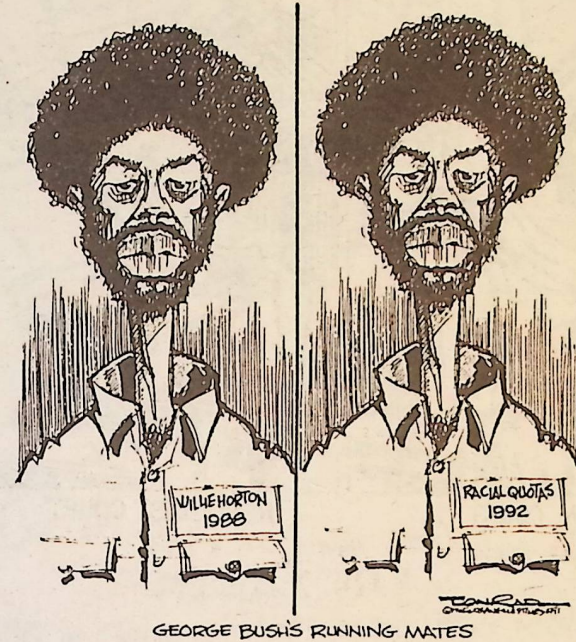
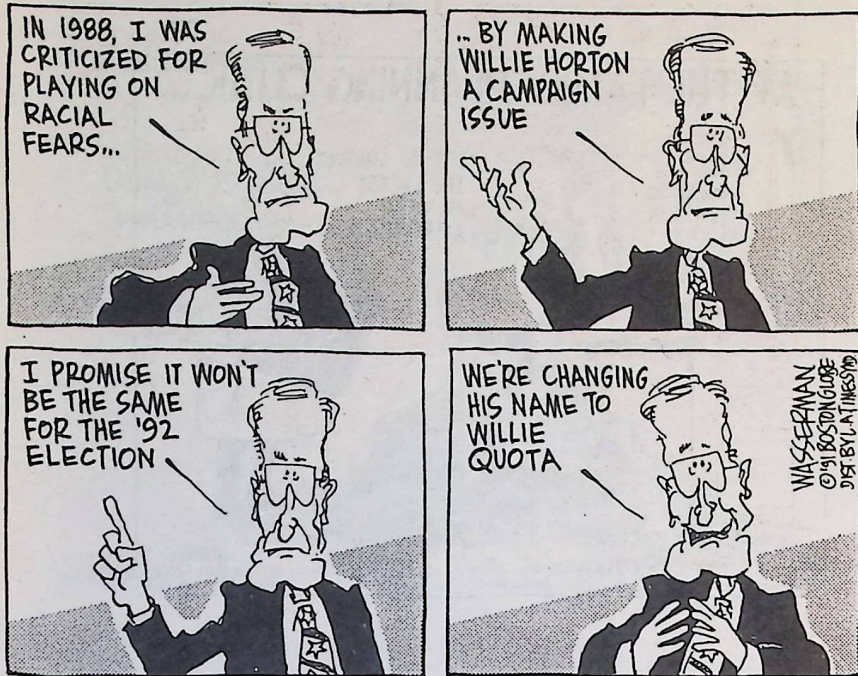


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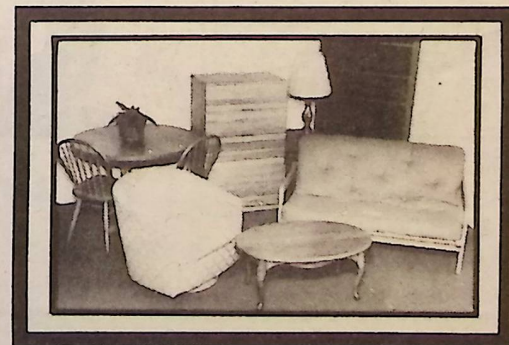


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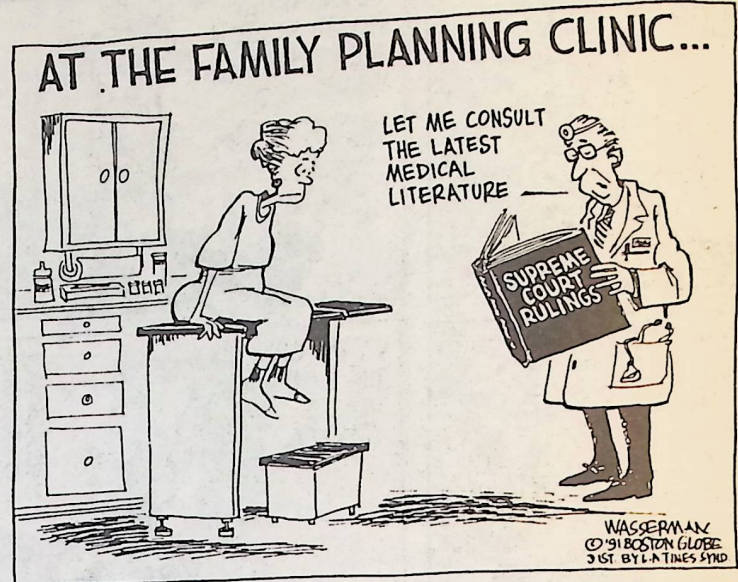
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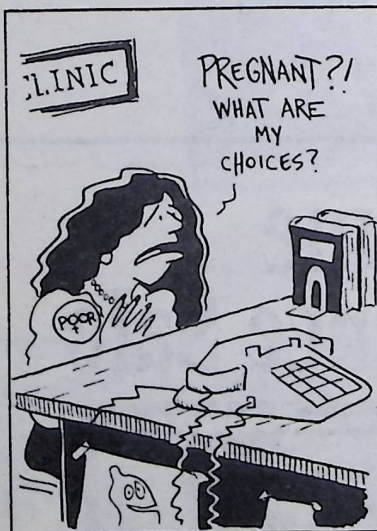
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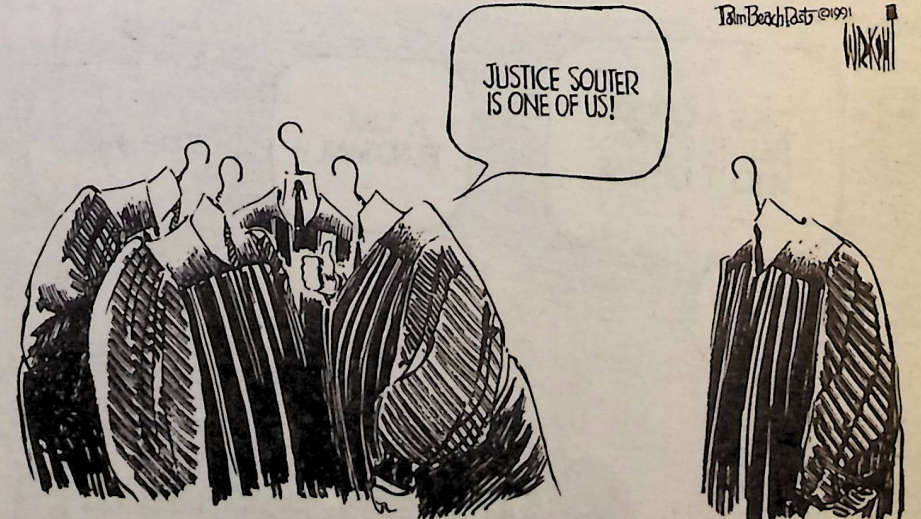
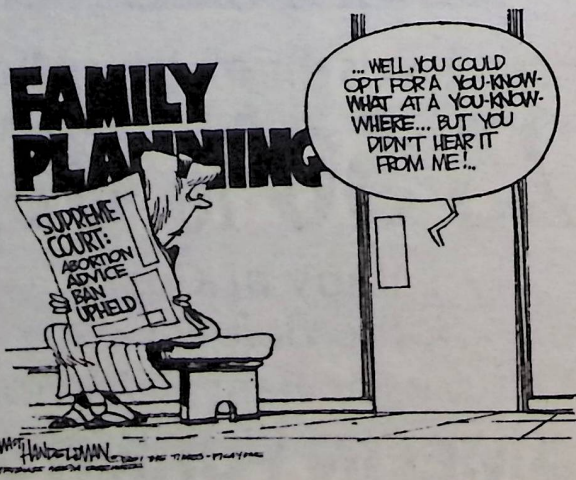
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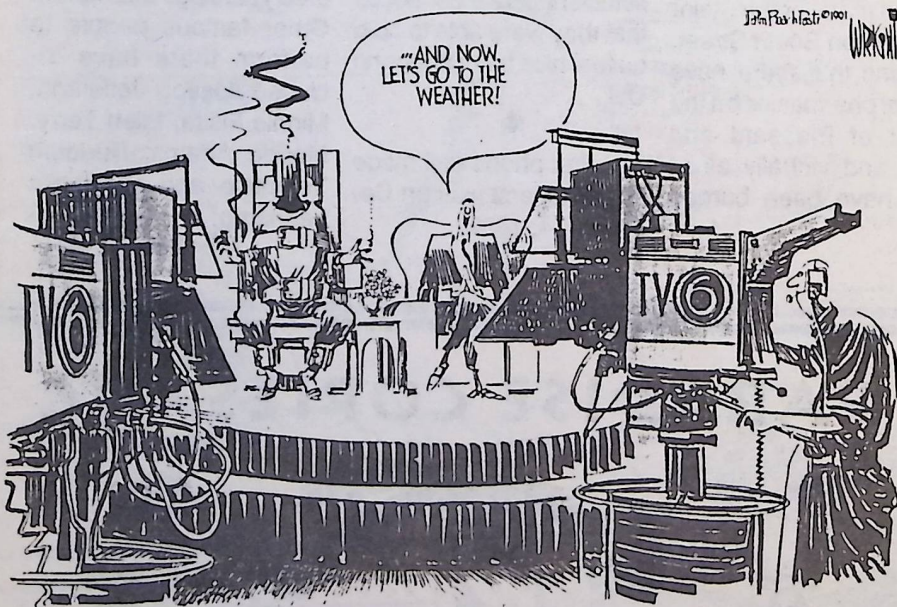
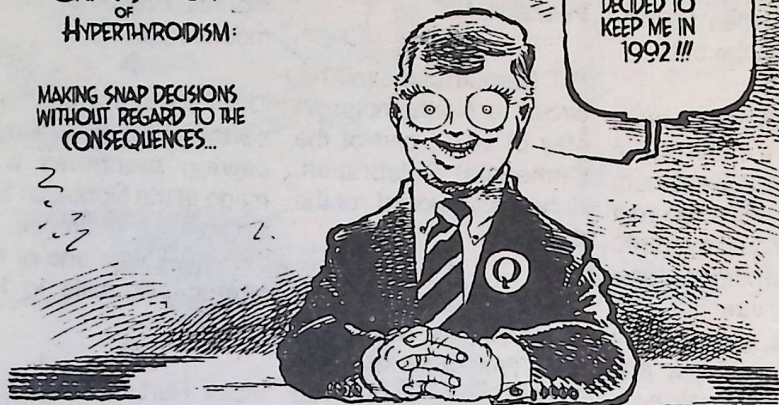
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The brilliant theologian, Jonathan Edwards, was fired by Northampton's minister for excessively conservative Calvinism.

Amherst resident Edward Hitchcock was a renowned geologist. His wife made the news when she tripped on Main Street and swallowed her porcelain dentures. The Amherst record reported that the teeth "passed into the stomach, where they lay for a week, and then passed through the bowels."

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The canal that connected Northampton to New Haven, CT ran down State Street, and connected to the Connecticut River near the corner of King Street and Damon Road. The canal was open for only 13 years.

Stonewall Jackson came to Northampton to partake of the "watercure" at Round Hill.

Northampton's first automobile was a Stanley Steamer bought by Frederick Jager. He purchased it in Newton Mass, and it took him 11 hours to drive it home.

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In 1972, Northampton hired it's first two meter maids; Bernice Powers and Irene Gustavis.

Alexander Graham Bell taught at the Clarke School for the Deaf. Grace Coolidge taught there as well. Her husband Calvin was a member of the Board, as well as other things.

Annie Oakley performed in Amherst in 1913. Ralph Waldo Emerson came here to lecture on "Social Aims," and Booker T. Washington spoke on "Negro Education."

Ebenezer Parsons was the first recorded birth in the town of Northampton, May 1, 1655, the son of Cornet Joaeph and Mary Parsons. Mary was the only woman tried for witchcraft in Northampton. She conducted her own defense, and was acquitted in May of 1675. Four months later, Ebenezer was killed in the first Indian raid on Northfield.

The Indian name for Northampton is Nonotuck.

In 1886, Amherst barber Charles Kings swallowed 50 eggs in less than 15 minutes. He won the bet.

In 1874, 145 people were killed when a dam on the Mill River in Williamsburg collapsed, and a ten foot wall of water destroyed 100 factories and homes. Horse riders, who saw the dam break were able to race ahead of the flood, and warn the residents downriver, saving many lives.

July 3 & 4, 1879. Fire destroyed many of the major buildings on South Street. It seems that there have several pharmacies on the corner of Pleasant and Main, and virtually all of them have been burned out.

General Seth Pomeroy was the only Northampton resident at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was killed two years later in a battle at Peekskill, NY.

P.T. Barnum came with his circus to Northampton in May of 1876, part of the Centennial Celebration. School was closed for the day.

July 7th, 1920 was "Notification Day" in Northampton. That was the day Calvin Coolidge received the official notification that he had been nominated for Vice President. The townspeople had gotten sufficient advance notice that they were able to hold quite a nice bash honoring Cal.

The first phone call made from Amherst was on December 4, 1882.

July 3rd, 1851 - Jenny Lind sings in Northampton at John M. Greene Hall, and dubs Northampton "the Paradise of America". Four months later she honeymooned here.

The first spool of machined silk thread for use in Singer sewing machines was made at the Nonotuck Silk Company in Florence. At the time it was one of the largest silk mills in the country.

Victor Herbert, composer of many operettas, played the cello at the inaugural performance at the Academy of Music, one hundred years ago this month. Other famous people to perform there have included Joseph Jefferson, Minnie Fiske, Ellen Terry, Maude Adams, Rudolph Valentino and of course Leonardo.



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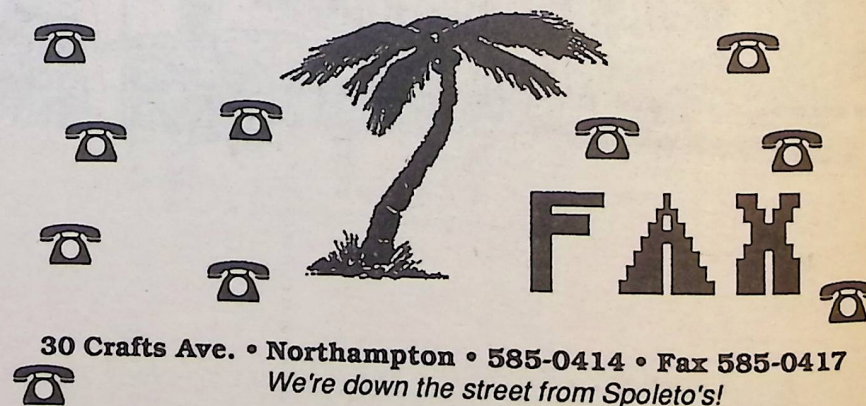
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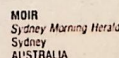
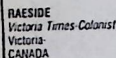
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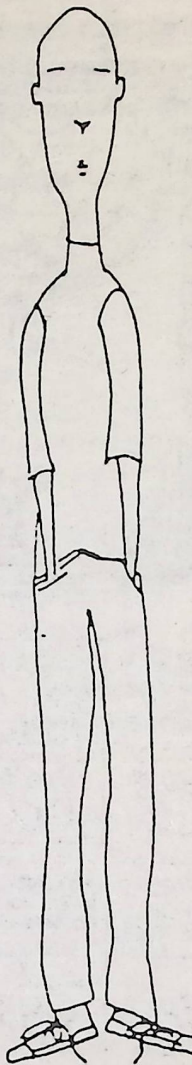
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when I return
to my hometown,
and I'm riding
down Main Street,
I think I see
many of my old friends
on the different corners
or in front of stores,
or on benches,
all over the place.

Then I look a little closer
and I realize it's not
them at all. It's strangers,
they're all strangers.

Sometimes
the ground moves
when I look
down.



SALLOOM



SALLOOM

My mom's been raising me
all by herself. She doesn't
have much money. Sometimes
she's so busy. She bought me
a whole bunch of new clothes.
She left them on my bed on
Friday afternoon.

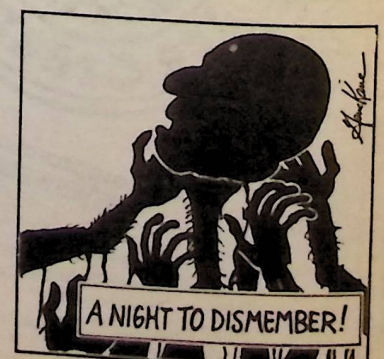
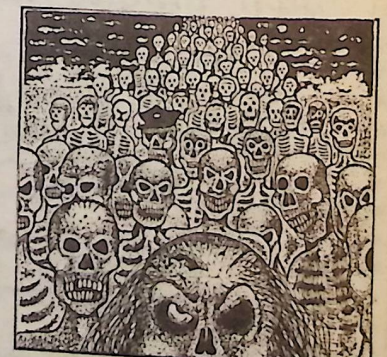
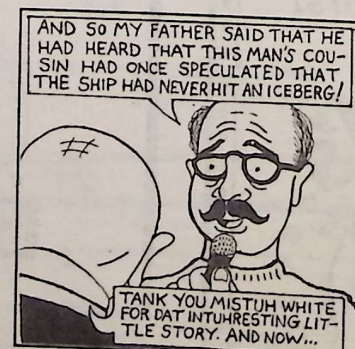
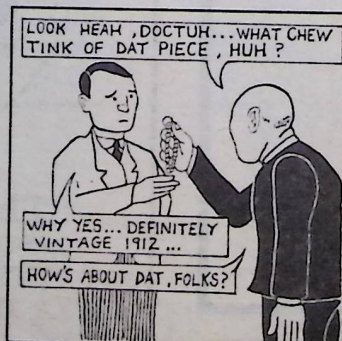
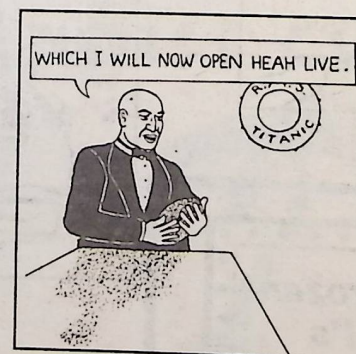
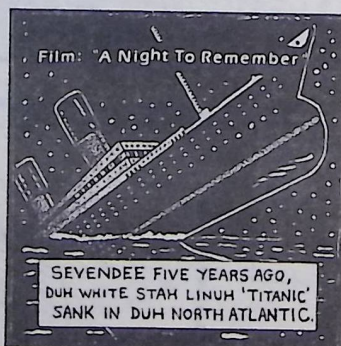
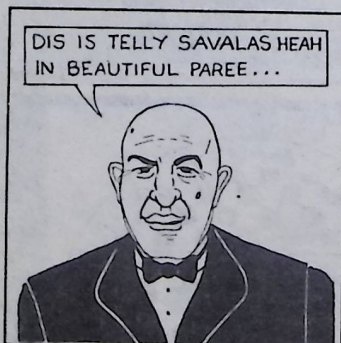
I really appreciated it
so I left her a note on
the kitchen table before I
went camping for the weekend:

"Thanks for everything.
Goodbye."

She thought it was a suicide
note and went crazy crying
all over the neighborhood,
and calling everybody on the
phone. My friends and I thought
it was funny...

Sometimes she is so funny.

GENE KANE





"SANDY BEACHES", AMHERST

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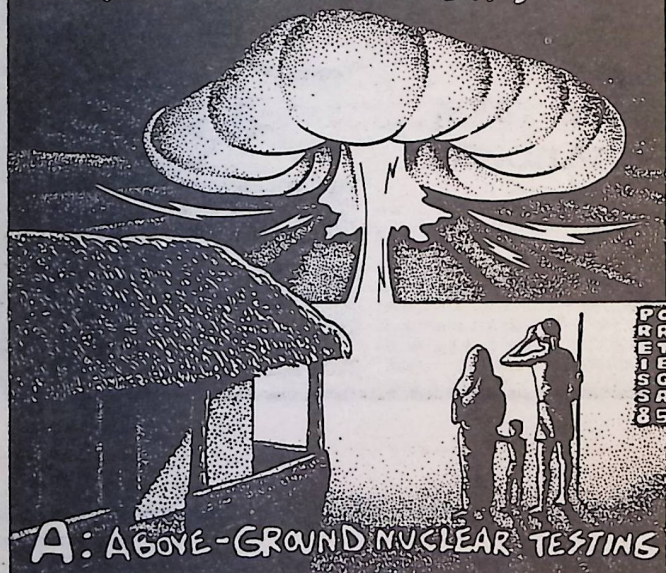
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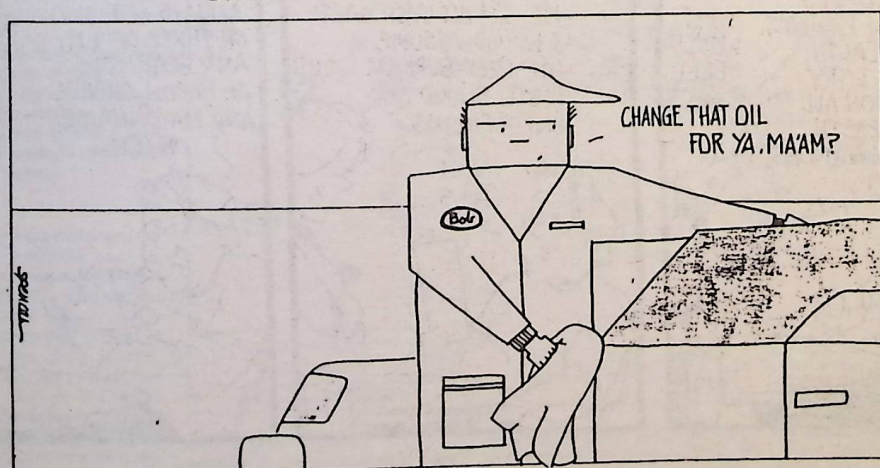


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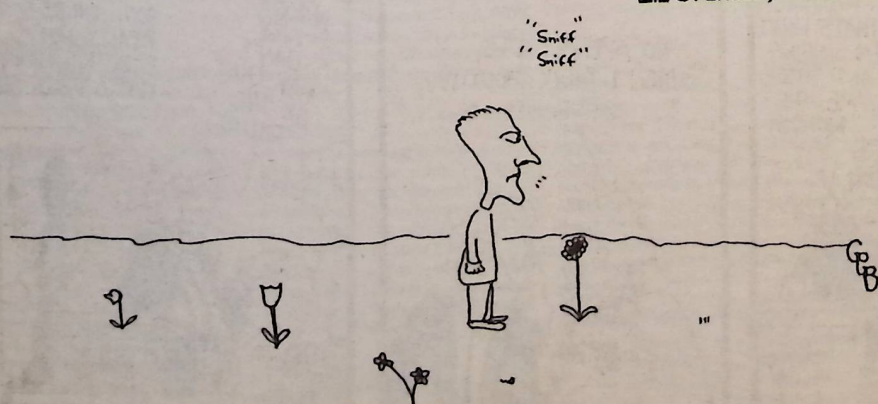
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Bangladesh's Sorrow

Even as a massive relief effort began reaching survivors of last month's catastrophic cyclone in southern Bangladesh, new storms spawned tornadoes, deadly lightning, and further flooding in many parts of the country. High winds smashed newly built shelters, blocked roads, and sent rescue workers scurrying for cover in southern Chittagong and Patuakhali districts. One tornado ripped through 47 villages, killing 16 people as it destroyed more than 12,000 mud-and-thatch houses. Such storms are not unusual in Bangladesh at this time of year.

Earthquakes

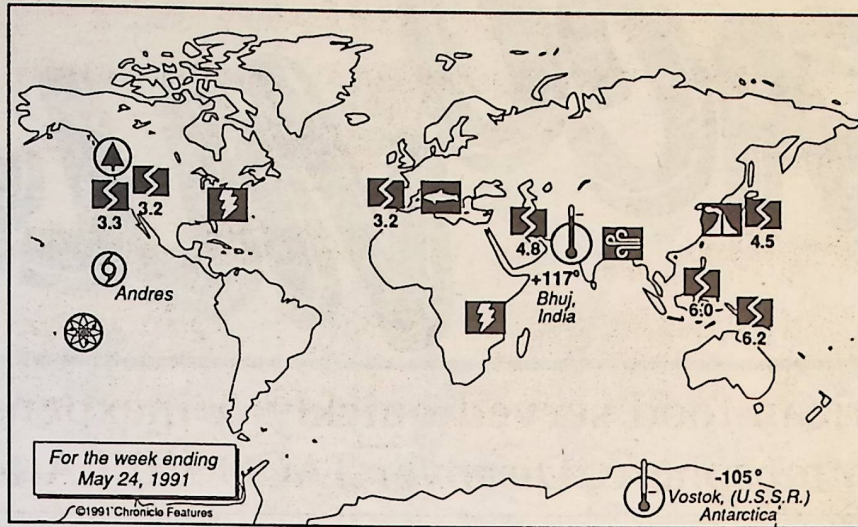
A moderate quake off the east coast of Japan's main Honshu Island jiggled the Tokyo-Yokohama area. Scientists in Northern California detonated small underground explosions near the epicenter of the disastrous 1989 Loma Prieta temblor in the hopes of learning more about the area's geology. Some of the 'mini quakes' registered up to 1.0 on the Richter Scale, and were felt or heard by some residents in the area. Natural earth movements were also felt in Southern California, Nevada, Papua New Guinea, the southwestern Philippines, southern Iran, and Portugal.

Testing

On May 18, France conducted its second nuclear test of the year at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific. The Defense Ministry said the blast had a force of 60 kilotons. New Zealand will no longer protest each French nuclear test, but will issue a single protest as each series of tests starts.

Tropical Storm

Andres, the season's first storm in the eastern tropical Pacific, formed midway between Hawaii and Central America, and dissipated within 24 hours.

**Lightning Deaths**

Five schoolchildren died instantly and 10 others were burned when lightning struck their classroom in Kenya's Rift Valley Nyahururu district. The strike happened during a heavy downpour that prevented the children from returning home after the school had closed.

One student of Washington, D.C.'s prestigious St. Albans prep school died, and several others were injured, when lightning struck during a lacrosse match.

Volcano

Japan's Meteorological Agency warned that the eastern side of Unzen Volcano could collapse soon, sending a flow of ash and lava toward the resort city of Shimabara. They found a new lava dome and a widening crater in Mt. Fugen, the main peak of Unzen, four miles from Shimabara in Nagasaki Prefecture. The 4,484-foot

volcano came to life last Nov. 17 after remaining dormant for nearly two centuries. On May 19, torrential rains falling over the mountain washed volcanic debris down the Mizunashi River, sweeping away two bridges and forcing the evacuation of 1,200 villagers.

Cancer Tree

Scientists and environmentalists, meeting at an annual oncology conference in Houston, sought ways to harvest the Pacific yew, a tree that has promising cancer-fighting compounds, without disturbing its neighbor—the endangered northern spotted owl. Six yews must be felled to extract enough of the drug taxol to treat one patient suffering from ovarian, breast, or lung tumors that have withstood standard chemotherapy. Even though there are millions of yews in the Pacific Northwest, harvesting them is complicated by the proximity of the owl, whose presence has

forced a halt to lumbering in some of the region's old-growth forests.

Wayward Dolphins

A group of three dolphins followed a school of fish up the polluted Tiber River to the heart of Rome for the first time in living memory. A flotilla of environmentalists, firemen, and river police attempted to guide the marine mammals back to the less polluted Mediterranean before the contaminated waters began to affect their health. An outgoing tide finally sent the dolphins back to sea, and witnesses said the trio seemed to enjoy all the attention. One of the more poetic members of the river police named the largest dolphin 'Fortunello' because "it seemed to exude an incredible air of love and good fortune" during its six-hour visit to The Eternal City.

Additional Sources: U. S. Climate Analysis Center, U. S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

Volcano

More than 1,000 residents of Shimabara, Japan, were ordered to stay away from their homes for several days as Unzen Volcano continued to erupt. Kazuya Ohta, head of the Meteorological Agency's Unzen Observatory, warned that molten rocks were tumbling down the slopes of the mountain, and that there was a possibility of lava reaching residential areas. The lava ignited a brief forest fire, and flowed to within 300 yards of some homes.

Testing

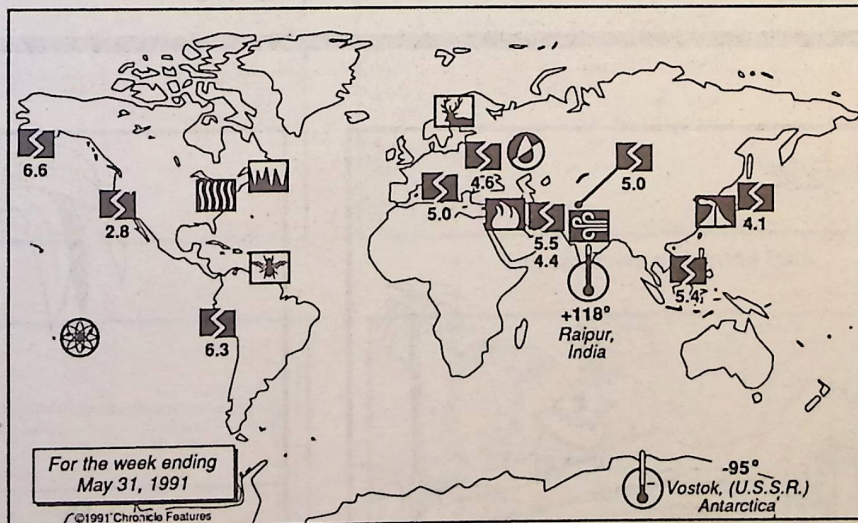
France exploded one of the most powerful nuclear bombs ever detonated in the South Pacific in its third nuclear test within three weeks. New Zealand's seismological station at Rarotonga, in the Cook Islands, estimated that the May 29 blast had a force of 110 kilotons. The test is believed to have been conducted beneath the secondary test site at Fangataufa because the coral structure of the main Mururoa Atoll site probably could not withstand such a blast.

Earthquakes

Several moderate quakes occurred in or near populated areas, but there were no reports of damage or injuries during the week. Earth movements were felt in northeastern and southern Iran, western Nepal, southern Italy, northeastern Borneo, the Republic of Georgia, the Alaskan Peninsula, southern Peru, near Tokyo, and in the Los Angeles Basin.

Drought

A two-month drought threatens this summer's harvest in Russia's southern Urals. Tass reported that a sixth of the land intended for cultivation has yet to be sown, while winter and spring crops are wilting.

**Early Summer**

A pre-summer heat wave that broke records from the Midwest to eastern Canada lingered for several days. Afternoon temperatures of up to 20 degrees above normal were reported in many cities from Charleston, S.C. to Toronto.

Late Ice

In contrast to the heat wave in other parts of North America, the most dangerous late-season maritime ice in more than 20 years halted fishing off much of the eastern coast of Canada. The government announced that it will compensate fishermen who cannot cast their gear or navigate safely off Quebec and Newfoundland.

Dust Storm

A severe dust storm, accompanied by heavy rains, lashed the Indian capital of New Delhi with winds as strong as

70 miles per hour. Traffic was disrupted when the visibility was reduced to near zero. Several trees were uprooted, and walls collapsed under the force of the high winds.

Killer Bees

A swarm of Africanized bees were accidentally carried on board a ship going from Trinidad to Barbados, where they escaped, then attacked and killed a 48-year-old man in the south of the island. Horace Pile was stung as he was playing a game of cards with a friend on the roadside near the Kingland residential district. The bees were also spotted in other parts of the island.

Hemispheric Pollution

Scientists at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union said that satellite analysis shows that people as far away as India and Ethiopia are breathing smoke and soot from the

hundreds of oil fires burning in Kuwait. The satellites have also detected plumes of sulphur dioxide spreading over other parts of Africa and India, as well as the Mediterranean and Soviet Union.

Treed Swede

An angry elk chased a Swede up a tree and forced him to perch there for seven hours until help arrived, according to a report in the newspaper *Norra Vaesterbotten*. The unnamed man was out for a stroll with his dog in the northern village of Norsjo-Vallen when an elk cow and her calf confronted him. The dog fled and left his hapless master stuck in the tree until a rescue team arrived. The patrol had been alerted after the dog arrived home without its owner.

Additional Sources: Japan Meteorological Agency, Indian Bureau of Meteorology, U. S. Climate Analysis Center, U. S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

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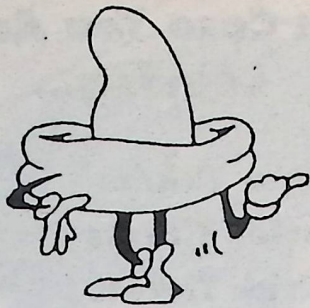
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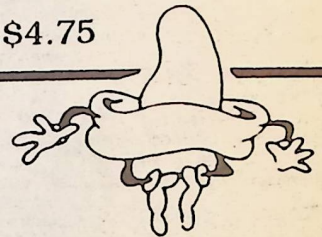
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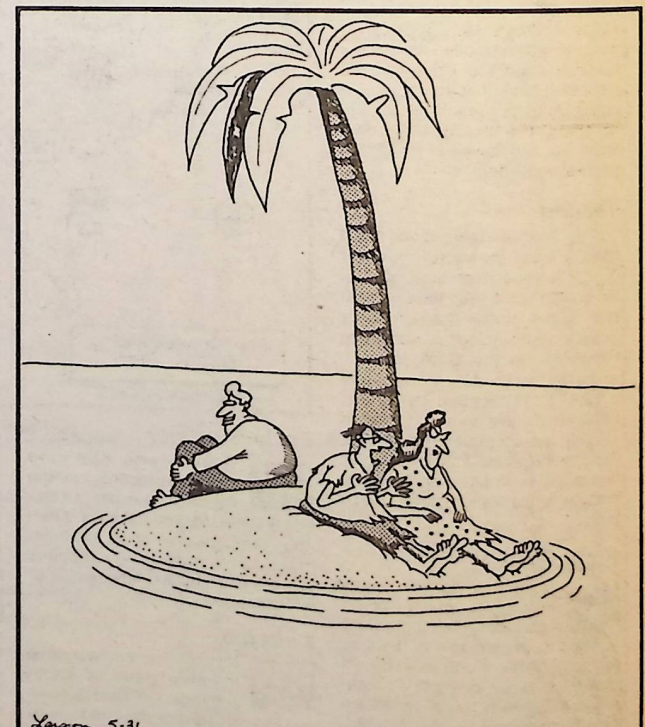
THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



"Well, we're lost. I knew from the start that it was just plain idiotic to choose a leader based simply on the size of his or her respective pith helmet. Sorry, Cromwell."



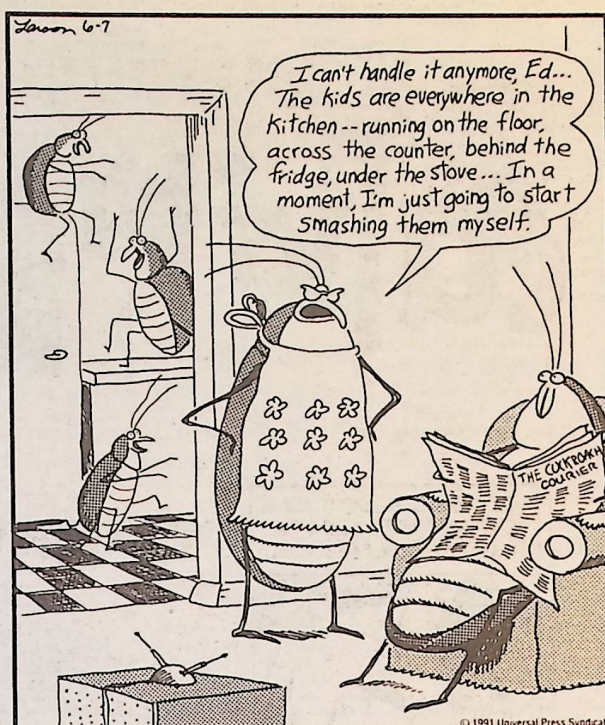
However, there was no question that, on the south side of the river, the land was ruled by the awesome *Tyrannosaurus Mex*.



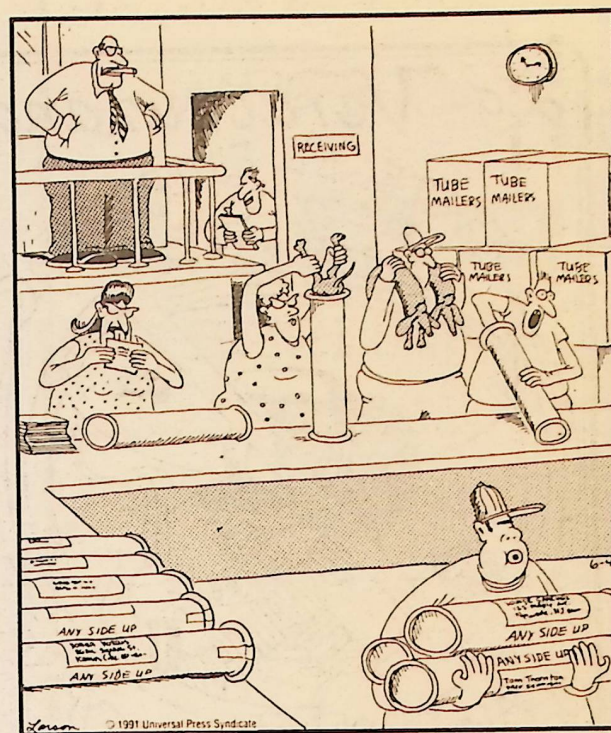
"What? You've met someone else? What are you saying? ... Oh, my God! It's not what's-his-name, is it?"



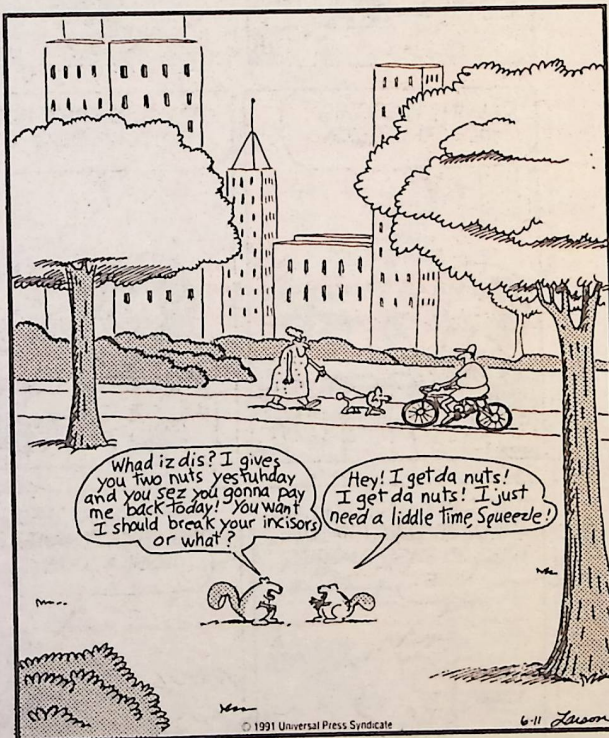
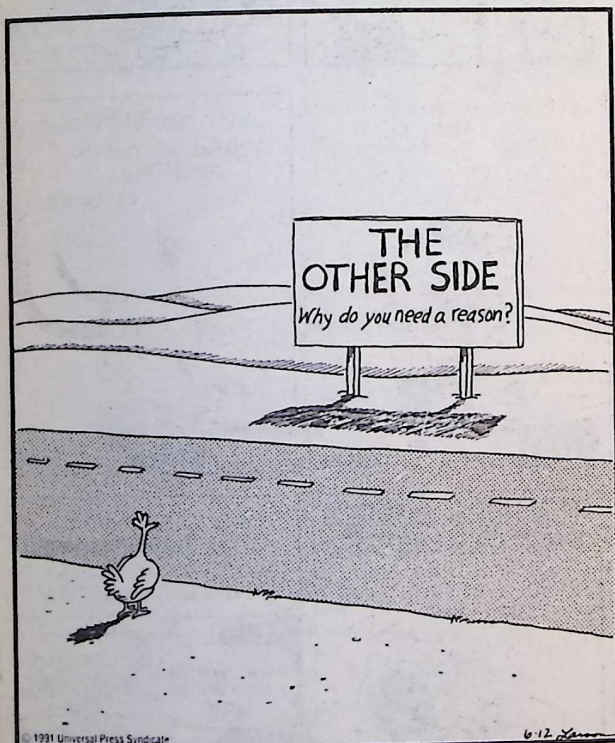
"Once in a while couldn't we just have some pasta?"



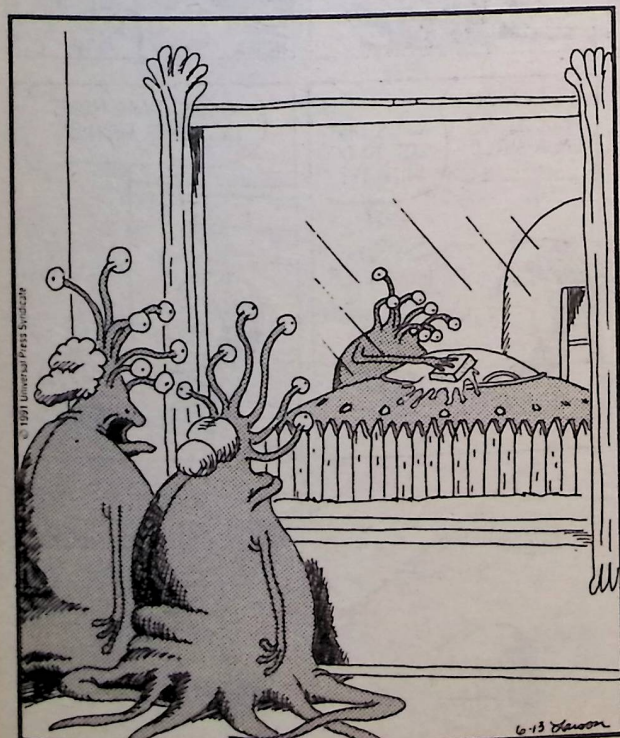
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"The guy creeps me out, Zeena. Sure, he looks like he's just minding his own business -- but he always keeps that one eye on my house."



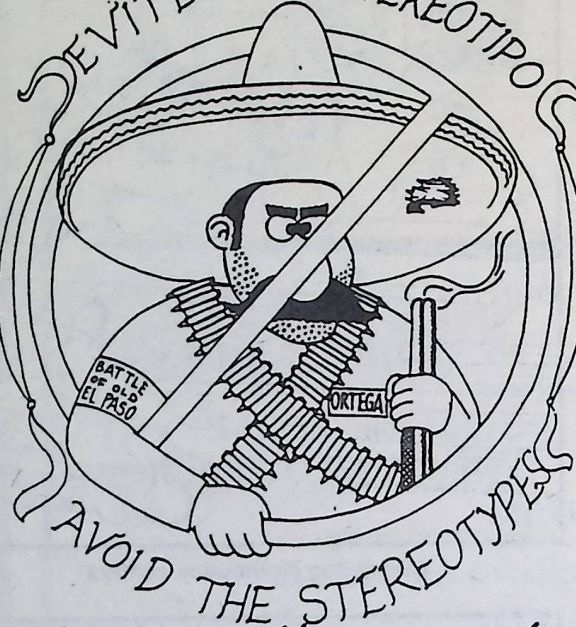
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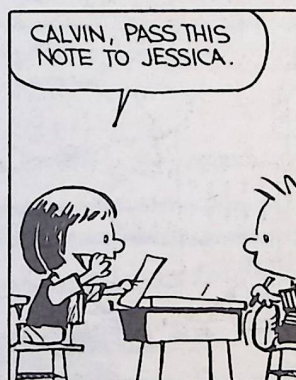
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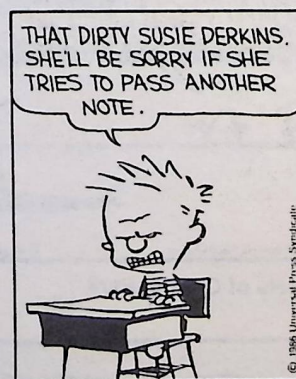
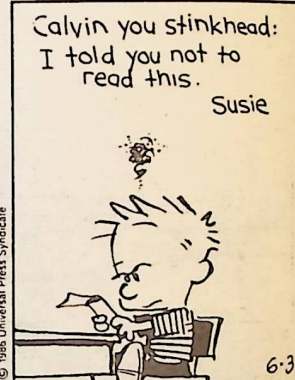
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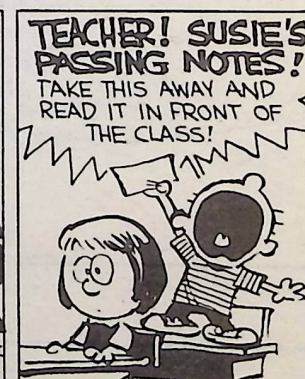
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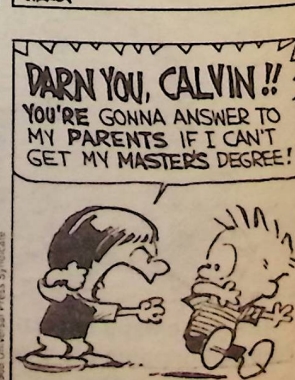
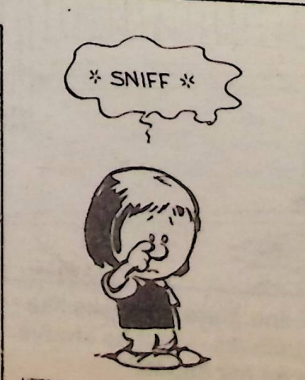
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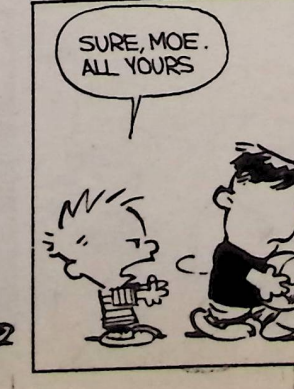
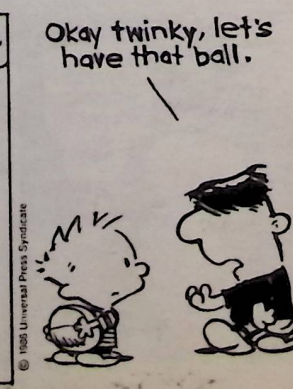
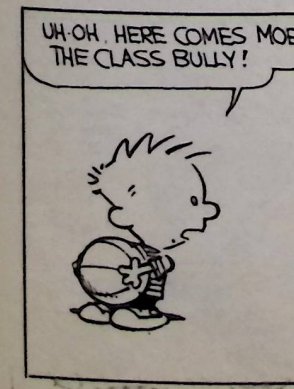
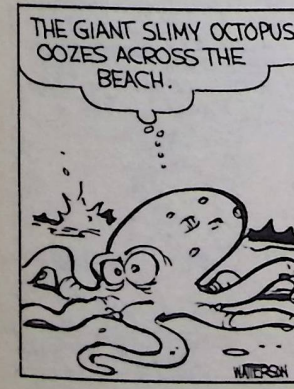
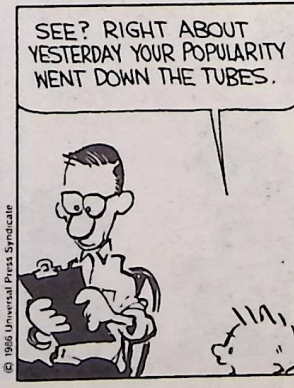
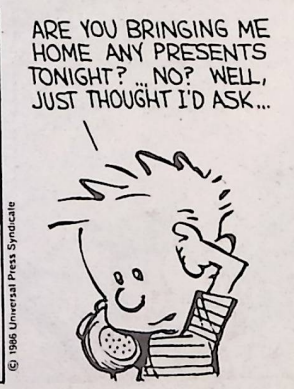
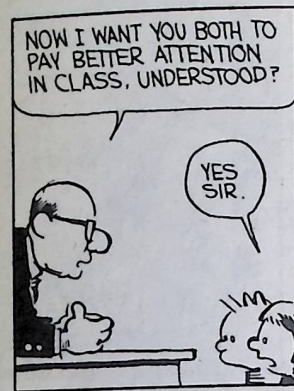
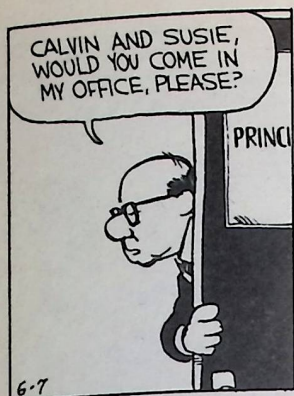


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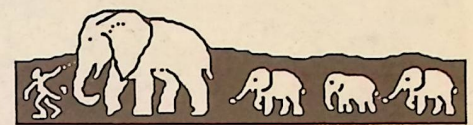


WHAT IF IT GOES ON OUR ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS? WE'LL BE RUINED!

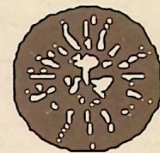




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HEY, BUTTSY...
COUGH! WHERE'S THE COGNAC?
COUGH!

SECOND SHELF ON THE LEFT. NASTY COUGH YOU GOT THERE, BOSS!

I KNOW...
HACK! I CAN'T SEEM TO GET RID OF IT...

SOUNDS FAMILIAR. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SMOKING?

30 YEARS.
HACK! WHY?

JUST ASKIN'!

WHAT? WHAT?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE. LET'S CATCH UP.

I'M HOME! AND I'M GLAD!

THAT MUCH WE KNEW. HOW ABOUT THE OTHERS?

I'M JUST COMING OFF A MAJOR SHOW!

I LOST MY JOB.

MY RADIO SHOW GOT MOVED TO A BETTER TIME SLOT.

I RENEWED MY SUBSCRIPTION TO "BOYS' LIFE"!

WAIT A MINUTE. MIKE GOT FIRED?

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

I'M JUST GLAD I CAN SUPPORT THE FAMILY NOW.

MIKE'S BEEN LAID OFF.

WHATCHA DOIN', BRO?

TRYING TO MAKE MY LIFE LOOK GOOD ON PAPER...

I NEVER HAD TO DO THIS BEFORE. THERE WERE A ZILLION JOBS LAST TIME I WAS LOOKING. NOW, SO MUCH DEPENDS ON MY GETTING IT RIGHT...

BUT WHEN I LOOK AT THIS RESUME, IT LOOKS SO PUNY! WHAT HAVE I DONE WITH MY LIFE? ZIP! THE ONLY THING I DID THAT REALLY MATTERED WAS TO START A FAMILY I NOW CAN'T SUPPORT!

SUMMER. WANT TO GO TO A MOVIE?

OKAY.

SO HOW'S MIKE'S JOB SEARCH GOING?

WELL, NO FIRM OFFERS YET.

HE'S A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT BECAUSE HE WAS LAID OFF, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS SEE HIM AS DAMAGED GOODS.

PERSONALLY, I THINK HE'S BEING A LITTLE PARANOID. MIKE'S A VERY ATTRACTIVE CANDIDATE!

AND IF YOU CALL HERE AGAIN, WE'RE NOTIFYING THE POLICE.

I UNDERSTAND. WELL, KEEP ME IN MIND!

WELL, I'M OFF! HAVE TO GO SHOW MY PORTFOLIO IN YET ANOTHER COMPLETELY FUTILE ATTEMPT TO FIND A NEW JOB.

MAN... I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW THAT MUST FEEL!

NOT HAVING A JOB?

NO, NO, HAVING ONE.



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